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[Despatch Abstract.]

LABOUR DEPARTMENT - Hostels - Admission of Harijan Pupils in Common hostels - Meeting the cost by the Government.

Note

EXTRACT FROM THE PRINTED PROCEEDINGS VOLUME OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS.

APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED FROM NELLORE.

*376 Q.----SRI K. SHANMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Information be pleased to state---

(a) the number of applications for residential and non-residential scholarships that were received from Nellore district this year;

(b) how many of them were granted;

(c) whether all the applications were received in time; and

(d) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties the applicants have to undergo in getting poverty, character, etc. certificates in the mufassal, due to the short time that is allowed?

THE HON. SRI K. SHASHYAM "(a) Forty-two applications for residential and 184 for non-residential scholarships.

"(b) Thirty-four applicants for residential and 110 applicants for non-residential scholarships were granted scholarships. Fifteen applications for non-residential scholarships which were received in time could not be sanctioned for want of funds.

"(c) No, Sir. Eight applications for residential and 59 applications for non-residential scholarships were received after the due dates.

"(d) No representations have been received so far, either by the Government or the Commissioner of Labour regarding the difficulties alleged to be experienced by Public in getting poverty and character certificates. The scholarship notifications were published in the Gazette on 26th February 1946. The Commissioner of Labour also issued a circular to all heads of institutions on 28th February 1946 to give wide publicity to the shholarship notifications among the pupils belonging to the eligible communities and forward the applications so as to reach his office before the due dates."

SRI K. SHANMUGAM:-- "Will the Government be satisfied if the property certificate is given by the M.L.As. in the districts and particulary the Harijan M.L.A.?"

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THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:-- "The Government are considering the question whether poverty certificates can be given by M.L.As."

SRI V.I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:--"Arising out of the answer that fifteen scholarships have been rejected, will Government reconsider the grant of scholarship to these applicants from the surplus amounts under other items in the Budget?"

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THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:--"The Government will consider the suggestion."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:--"Are the Government aware of the difficulties which these poor students have to undergo in securing poverty certificates under the present procedure?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:--"There may be difficulties in getting certificates; we are trying to minimise them."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:-- "May I ask the Government to consider the desirability of admitting Harijan students in common hostels and paying the cost direct by the Government to the managements of those hostels instead of running separate hostels for the Harijan students so that it will go a long way to remove the untouchability problem?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:--"The suggestion will surely be examined by the Government."

DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

Please see the extract from the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly at page 3 above.

As regards 'A' on page 3 above, no further action seems possible at this time as the scholarships related to the financial year 1946-47. Regarding 'B' on page 3 above, a draft Memo. is submitted below for approval.

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(Govt. Memo. No. 17880 P. II/48-1, dated 13-2-48)
(From the Commissioner of Labour, No.A-6.1776/48, dated 9-4-48.

SUMMARISING NOTE.

In one of the supplementary questions asked by Sri N.S.Nagappa, M.L.A., it was suggested that this Government should consider the desirability of admitting Harijan students in common Hostels, and paying the cost direct to the managements of these hostels instead of running separate hostels for the Harijan students so that it might go a long way to remove the untouchability problem. The remarks of the Commissioner of Labour were invited on this suggestion. His reply, together with the remarks of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, will be found on pp. 11-12- c.f.

2. In G.O.No. 300, Education, dated 16-2-48 the Government ordered the reservation of 10% of seats for Harijans in the Government Hostels attached to the

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High Schools and Colleges. But with regard to the private hostels the Director of Public Instruction has stated that it can only be suggested to the managements of the hostels that a similar reservation of seats be made and nothing more than that can be done. Now the Commissioner of Labour proposes that residential scholarships may be granted to the eligible candidates admitted into the Government hostels with reference to the G.O. No.300, Education, dated 16-2-48 if they apply through the heads of the hostels concerned. In this connection, it may be stated that the Government have recently empowered the Commissioner of Labour to sanction residential scholarships to the eligible students of Arts and Science Colleges and High Schools at such rates as to cover the full boarding and lodging charges met by the candidates. In view of this there does not appear to be any difficulty with regard to the hostel charges incurred in the case of the eligible students in the Government Hostels. The Commissioner of Labour himself can sanction the Residential Scholarships. No fresh orders on this point seem necessary. For orders.

As regards the private hostels, the Commissioner of Labour suggests that the Director of Public Instruction may be asked to suggest to the managements for similar reservation of seats for Harijans. He also states that Residential scholarships may be sanctioned to the eligible candidates admitted in such hostels if they apply in time through the heads of the hostels concerned. In view of 'A' above there does not appear to be any difficulty with regard to the hostel charges incurred in the case of the eligible students admitted in the hostels provided that all such students are to be granted Residential Scholarships by the Labour Department. But the sanction of scholarships is limitted to the provision made in the Budget. It may be stated that unless it is stipulated that all the eligible students so admitted in the common hostels are granted Residential Scholarships it may be difficult to force the private managements to reserve in their hostels certain number of seats for Harijans. But any way as stated by the Director of Public Instruction at 'N' on page 12 c.f. We may suggest to the managements for a similar reservation. Education and Public Health Department may therefore be requested to take necessary extracts from this file to consider the feasibility of the proposal and issue necessary instructions to the Director of Public Instruction in this regard. For orders.

As regards the throwing open the Harijan hostels subsidised by the Government and the Labour Department hostels for the admission of the pupils of other communities, it was ordered in the file bearing C.No.15095 P.II/48 that the question may be considered separately along with the recommendation of Harijan Welfare Committee. No separate action seems called for in this case. The file may now be sent to Education and Public Health Department for remarks, before circulation to H.M.(R.D.)

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Please see the Development Department note from page 4 ante with reference to 'B' on page 5 ante, necessary extracts may be taken for action in this department and the file returned to Development U.O. Development may be requested to let H.M.(Edn.) also see the file.

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Edn. & P.H. U.O.35690/48-1- Cl. dated 11-6-48

This Department's note from page 4 above. Development Dep
No further action seems called for in this case.
The papers may be closed after perused by H.M.(R.D.)
and H.M.(Edn.) as suggested by E.& P.H. Dept.

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This Department's notes above.
The papers may be recorded for future reference.

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